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HALL CASE FIGURE MARINE DESERTER

Dickman, Ex-State Trooper, Is
Court Martialed Here and
Found Guilty

ALSO DESERTED U. S. ARMY

Paid to Vanish From Murder
Inquiry, He Swore

Another echo of the Hall-Mills case was heard yesterday, when The World learned that Henry L. Dickman, former State Trooper who disappeared during the first inquiry into the murders at New Brunswick, N. J., and who later testified he had been paid to disappear, recently was found guilty of deserting from the Marine Corps and is awaiting sentence in the Marine Brig at the Navy Yard.

In March, Dickman finished serving a one-year sentence for desertion from the Army. According to records in the Judge Advocate's office at the Navy Yard, he enlisted in the Marine Corps Aug. 11, 1923, and deserted Nov. 10, 1924. Then he enlisted in the Army. A few months later he deserted, but was caught and sentenced to serve one year in Alcatraz Island Prison, in San Francisco Bay.

When the Hall-Mills case was revived last year it was found that he, as a New Jersey State Trooper, had taken a

leading part in gathering evidence during the first investigation. His disappearance then led to conjectures that he had been paid to leave the State.

Army authorities transferred Dickman to Fort Jay on Governors Island, so he could be taken to Somerville to testify at the trial of Mrs. Frances N. Hall, and her brothers, Willie and Henry Stevens, who were charged with killing the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills.

March 24 Dickman was delivered by the Army authorities to the Marine Brig. He was court-martialed April 19 and the case against him was proved. Pleading not guilty, he testified that he deserted because of "worry over a murder case in which he was connected as

an officer" and "wanted to get further away from the scene."

Capt. Andre M. Procter, U. S. N., presided over the court which tried Dickman. Dickman is to be read off this week. He can be sentenced to eighteen months in prison.

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